HAMATEUR CHATTER

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

75 YEARS of Continuous Club Activity!

W9RH CLUB CALL

For Information on HAM RADIO or Our Club - CALL 466-HAMS

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NOTE!
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

THE NEXT MRAC MEETING

Date: **Thursday - JANUARY 27, 1993**

Time: **7:30 P.M.**

Place: **Wauwatosa Savings and Loan at 75th and State in Wauwatosa**

Program: ARRL video on SARNEX , a goodies auction, and door prizes.

February Meeting: Thursday - February 24, 1994
Program: ARRL video on Wire Antennas.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Our Christmas Party was a nice way to end the year. Seventy-five people attended this fun event which featured great food, door prizes, a champagne toast , and funny hula dancers! My thanks, once again, go out to all who helped make the party happen. There were so many helpers that I had to carry around a list of all of your names at the party!

Our repeater is on the air, so please use it. A few problems like a poor receiver, hum and noise are being worked on. We will soon have it in perfect condition. If you would like to help us get out the kinks please give me a call. Our repeater group will have a report in January of '94 in the Hamateur Chatter.

Give yourself a Christmas gift and rejoin the Club in 1994. We hope that you will please note our special page on dues for 1994.

There is no meeting in December, but we hope to see you at our first meeting on January 27th, 1994. We will have an ARRL video on Sarnex, a goodies auction, and door prizes.

Thanks again for your help and may you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Super New Year!

73

Edward J. Mille

Ed W9PWG

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MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	8:30AM	3.985	QCWA - (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	7:00 PM	442.200	General Racine N9OEZ rep.General
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
TUE	9:00 PM	145.130	MAARS Roundtable
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	9:00 PM	28.400	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net(SSB)
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact; Pancho KA9OFA. 344-4694.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Dear Friends in Ham Radio,

It's been a great year for our Club with all the new developement. We have had some great programs at the meetings and we are beginning to get some involvement by the members in club activities. We had a great Field Day, and we now have a repeater, which in all probability will add to the ranks of our club.

In my view we are headed in a positive direction. There are some big plans in store for the club and they take involvement by a lot of people.

I would like to thank all of the people who have sent or given me items for the newsletter **AND I urge you** to continue to do so. Let's hear from some of the rest of you. I know that there are a great many of you who have a lot to say because I hear you at the meatings, on the air, and at various activities such as swapfests CQ Foods, etc. Without your input, we don't have much of a news letter.

I know a lot of you don't have exsorbitant amounts of time to write, but neither do I and I can't expect the few people I do have reporting or writing for me to do it all the time. We do have more people our there who can write. I know some people have promised to write something for Hamateur Chatter, but so far I haven't heard from a lot of them. **I DO need copy** to edit.

We are headed into a new year with great new opportunities to expand our HAM horizons. LET'S DO IT.

Pay your dues, become involved and let's have some HAM fun.

Let's make the New Year the best ever, HAMwise.

73's Pancho

Pancho - KA9OFA

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC *

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodis Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to;

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK
1737 N. 116th St.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

or

c/o Les Peterson - W9YCV
9741 W. Howard
Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

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Saturday Exams *

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

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SWAT TEAM Exams *

2nd SAT of each month

at **1:00 pm**

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building, downstairs and follow the signs.

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For more info call:

KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998

or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414)761-9219.

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*** Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.**

$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.

STATE OF THE CLUB

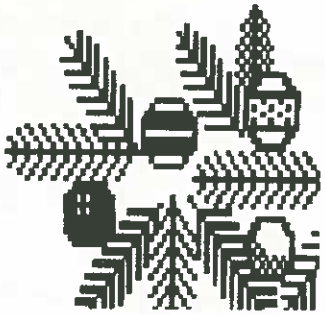
BY ED WILLE - W9PWG

A LOOK AT 1993
IT WAS A GREAT YEAR

1) More Club activity than in past years.
2) Our spring and fall school had over sixty students.
3) Our VEC program: Over 400 exams were given and 275 passed!
4) We had a good Field Day with packet, CW, SSB contacts, great food and fun.
5) Our new 466-HAMS telephone-mailbox was installed.
6) The Friday night 10 meter net with 15 to 20 callers is a very popular and fun weekly event.
7) Maxim's Saturday Morning Breakfast Club has become a great way to start the weekend (with up to 14 in attendance).
8) We had good Club meetings with as many as fifty attending.
9) We got our Club 2 meter repeater up and running.
10) We started a repeater fund.
11) We now have Club meetings in July and August.
12) Everyone enjoys the monthly Ham-Ateur Chatter.
13) To end it all - The Christmas Party had seventy-five people in attendance!

BECOME RADIO ACTIVE AND HELP 1994
BE A GREAT YEAR TOO!
PITCH IN AND ENJOY THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP OF MRAC!
HERE IS A WISH LIST FOR 1994

- A 75 year special event station weekend.
- More bells and whistles on our repeater.
- A repeater net.
- A local SSTV net.
- A CW net.
- Our own Swap Fest.
- A spring and fall upgrade school.
- Field Day with loggers and talkers.
- MRAC hats, T-shirts, and jackets.
- A membership goal of 200 plus.
- Meetings with other Clubs.
- A new Club roster.
- More interesting articles for Hamateur Chatter.



OUR THANKS TO THESE RADIO ACTIVE PEOPLE:

Taylor Electric Co. and Roger Zaun for supplying us with great door prizes for our party.

Travis Baird for a case of Champagne and bringing the funny hula skirts.

The Jim Tromblay Family for a new ticket drum.

Paul Boese and his wife for the beautiful name badges.

Orv stewart for the name badges for our board members.

Sound and Video Service for the table flowers.

Pancho Doneis who got the beautiful flowers from his church.

Ken Eggert for taking the party pictures.

Tom Fuszard, Bill Jones, Ted Stiller, Jerry Thompson, Verne Teske, and Sue and Ed Wille for helping with the organization of the event.

Father Kid for a beautiful blessing.

The Milwaukee Public Library - our newest member of the Club!

Did we forget anyone?

We hope not because everyone who helped definitely deserves recognition.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 1994

Your **dues must be paid** by **January 31, 1994**

or

1) You will **not receive** issues of the **Hamateur Chatter** or **other mailings** for the year.
2) You will **not be in our new roster** which will be distributed in February.
3) You will **lose voting rights** in the club.

Please Remember

1) **Dues** are **$15.00 a year** - January 1st to December 31st.
2) **Life members dues** are **$10.00** in order to receive mailings.

Per our MRAC by-laws - Definition of Life Members:
Persons 60 years and older
that have been a member in good standing for at least 20 years.
Life members are elected by the board of directors.
It is not an automatic status.

If you think that you qualify to be a life member please send your request to:
Fred A. Linn - W9NZF
MRAC
P.O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225
After your Life Membership form is complete
the Board of Directors can take action on it.
Membership **Application Forms** have been **included in the past two issues of Hamateur Chatter** and will be **available at the next general membership meeting.**

REPEATER FUND

by Pancho Donais - KA9OFA

Now that we have a repeater, we have to think about the the location of it as well as the cost of upkeep on it.

As far as the technical upkeep on our repeater, we have a very competant team to do the work at present. At present we have W9PWG - Ed Wille, WB9LNU - Jim Tromblay, W9UVV - Roger Zaun, WA9SFH - Jerry Thompson, and W9NZF - Fred Linn on the technical committee. At the present time the repeater is at a temporary location, and we are looking for a good permanent location.

Some of the requirements for the permanent location were printed in a previous Hamateur Chatter.

The cost of the repeater will have to cover such costs as rental of a location for the repeater, tower space (if it applies), at least one telephone line (installation and monthly costs), spare parts (at least a pair of finals which aren't exactly cheap), and if we have to hire someone to climb a tower for installation and repairs of the antenna, that's another cost. These are just a few of the costs involved.

These expenses could be defrayed by raising the M.R.A.C. dues, a special subscription fee for repeater users, a swapfest (which we have been looking into) or could be at least partially covered by a special repeater fund (which, incidentally, was initiated by WA9RDI - Ted Stiller).

The Repeater fund which we have now is rather modest and will need fortifying. So, if you feel so inclined, a donation to the repeater fund might be in order and it is my understaning that it is Tax Deductable. You could keep the repeater fund in mind in your will also.

If you are interested in making a donation to our Repeater fund, Please contact Orv Stewart - **KA9ONQ c/o MRAC - P.O. Box 25707 - Milwaukee, WI 53225**

Club Meetings

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West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of and almost under
the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

Packet Users Group
Third Saturday of each month
8:00 pm-11:00 pm
Security Bank
7600 W. Layton
Milwaukee, WI

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

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W9RH- TEN METER NET
Come on up and join us on W9RH
Ten Meter Net on Friday evenings at
9:00 PM at approximately 28.4 MHZ.
We'd like to meet you there.

Y'all come! to the
MRAC **HAM BREAKFAST**
every Saturday morning
at 8:30 o'clock.
Maxim's Restaurant
9143 W. Appleton Ave.
(corner of 91st St.
and Appleton Ave.
near Timmerman Field)
Prices are reasonable, the food - good,
and the **company - excellent.**

Friday Evening CQ Food
First Friday of the month Fishfry
Quality Inn
Hwy 100 and Bluemound

2nd Friday
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma
Call: Warren - K9IZV
on th 146.91 - offset
for reservations by Noon on that FRI.
Other Fridays
Check in 5:00 pm
Decision & finalization at 6:00pm
and meet at
CQ Food destination at 7:00pm
Other CQ Foods on a random basis
also called on this repeater
"CQ Food" on WA9JOB 146.91 Repeater.

CQ Third Tuesday
11:00 am
Skanda House
Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor **no later than the first of the month of publication**. If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition **cannot be guaranteed.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

Hamateur Chatter
c/o **Pancho Doneis,** KA9OFA
1958 N. 38th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

You may also call me at;
344-4694.

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Thanks to our news contributors this month:

W9PWG

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For Sale:

Drake T-4XC HF Transmitter and AC-4 Power Supply.
Excellent condition.
Power input: 200 watts SSB and AM. 200 watts CW.
Frequency coverage: 160 through 10 meters. Will also operate on 30, 17, and 12 meters.
Includes manual and spare set of finals.
Contact Roger Zaun, W9UVV 242-4931

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* * * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * * *

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WARAC Swapfest *
SUN - **JAN 9, 1994**
Waukesha, WI

Swap & Shop
SUN - **JAN 23, 1994**
Southfield, MI

Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest-'94 *
SUN - **JAN 30, 1994**
Odeum Exposition Center
Wheaton IL

South Bend Hamfest & Computer EXPO
SUN - **JAN 2, 1994**
Century Center Convention Hall
South Bend, IN
T/I on 52, 39, 09, or 145.09 - Rptr

1994 TMRA Hamfest/Computer Fair
SUN - **MAR 20, 1994**
Lucas County Recreational Center
Maumee, Ohio
T/I on 147.27 - rptr

Lamersfest 1994 *
SUN **MAR 17, 1994**
Lake County Fairgrounds
Grayslake, IL
T/I 146.52 simp or 147.345 + Rptr

Madison Swapfest & Computer Fair
SUN - **APR 10, 1994**
Dane County Expo Center
Madison, WI
T/I on 147.15 + Rptr

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To get your SwapFest or other event into this newsletter
Send Flier or write to:
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or Phone (414) 466-HAMS

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NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

NEXT MEETING
THU- **JAN 27th, 1994**

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